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1. BRASILIA AND CONSTITUENT POSTS ARE PLEASED TO RECEIVE VISIT OF TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL GROUP AND ARE PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE TRIP TO BRAZIL A SUCCESS. DATES SUGGESTED ARE ACCEPTABLE; AMPLE HOTEL SPACE AVAILABLE IN BOTH RECIFE AND RIO; BUS TRANSPORTATION IS NO PROBLEM.

2. OFFICIAL FROM MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION, WHOM WE CONTACTED TO OBTAIN GOB'S CONCURRENCE TO VISIT, WAS VERY HAPPY TO LEARN OF GROUP'S INTEREST IN BRAZIL AND SAID THAT VISIT WAS INDEED WELCOMED. (MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION OVERSEES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IDLI'S IN BRAZIL).

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFICS FOR THE VISIT TO BRAZIL, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

A. RECIFE: THE RECIFE PART OF TRIP IS BEING
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COORDINATED WITH OUR CONSULATE IN RECIFE, WITH THE

IDB REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN RIO AND WITH THE IBRD'S OFFICE IN RECIFE. ACCORDING TO OUR RECIFE CONSULATE, SUDENE, THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHEAST, IS PREPARED TO GIVE GROUP A BRIEFING AND TO ARRANGE SPECIFIC PROJECT VISITS. (SUDENE COUNTS AMONG ITS STAFF SEVERAL ENGLISH SPEAKING OFFICIALS). IDB UNIVERSITY EDUCATION PROJECT NOTED IN REFTTEL, PARA 8, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS ESSENTIALLY A RESEARCH PROJECT INVOLVING TRAINING AT A MASTERS DEGREE LEVEL, AND THEREFORE THERE MAY BE VERY LITTLE TO SEE. THE IDB REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN RIO IS PUTTING TOGETHER A LIST OF PROJECTS IN THE AREA FROM WHICH WE CAN DRAW FROM FOR FINAL PREPARATIONS. IBRD OFFICIAL IN RECIFE IS PRESENTLY OUT-OF-TOWN, BUT HIS STAFF INFORMS US THAT VISITS COULD BE ARRANGED TO AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN VICINITY OF RECIFE. THE JOAO PESSOA PROJECT, MENTIONED IN REFTTEL, PARA 8, IS IN THE NEIGHBORING STATE OF PARAIBA, SEVERAL HOURS AWAY BY BUS. TO HELP US MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE SOME GUIDANCE ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GROUP IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL BY BUS TO SEE PROJECTS.

B. RIO: THE PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE RIO LEG OF TRIP SEEMS FINE. HOWEVER, IF FOR SOME REASON WE CANNOT SCHEDULE VISIT TO ONE OF TWO PROJECTS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL, WOULD GROUP BE INTERESTED IN VISITING AN IDB-FINANCED PROJECT IN RIO AREA?

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SO WE CAN FIRM UP HOTEL RESERVATIONS.
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